

DEVICE FOR LACERATION OR INCISION CLOSURE

Abstract of the Disclosure

[0050] Disclosed is a two-component device for closing a laceration or incision. The device includes a first component comprising a first adhesive-backed anchoring member and one or more first connecting members extending from one edge thereof in a first direction. Also included is a second component comprising a second adhesive-backed anchoring member and one or more second connecting members extending from one edge thereof in a second direction generally opposite to the first direction. Adhesive is provided for attaching the one or more first connecting members to the second anchoring member and for attaching the one or more second connecting members to the first anchoring member. The attachment of the connecting members to the anchoring members forms attached and bridging portions of the one or more connecting members, the attached portions being attached to an anchoring member, and the bridging portions spanning the over-laceration area between the first and second anchoring members. Adhesive is applied to at least a portion of a lower surface of the connecting members, and the lower surface of the bridging portion contains less adhesive than the attached portion. In preferred embodiments, the lower surface of the bridging portion is substantially free of adhesive. Methods of use are also disclosed.

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